

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 568

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor Jackson Vaught upon his selection as
Vanderbilt University's Outstanding Senior.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body salute those young citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars and future leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Jackson Vaught, who grew up on a working farm in Milton, and designed a nationally recognized corn maze when he was only eleven; and

WHEREAS, from this agrarian background, he attended one of Rutherford County's largest high schools, Oakland High School, with a student body 1,600 strong; and

WHEREAS, the grandson of two teachers, Jackson greatly respects teaching as a profession and is most appreciative of the education and support he received at Oakland, from which he participated in the Tennessee Governor's School; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Oakland, Mr. Vaught made the forty-five-minute drive to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt University, the "Harvard of the South"; and

WHEREAS, fast forward four years later, and the farm boy from Milton has bested forty nominees to receive Vanderbilt's Outstanding Senior award, which recognizes students who contribute the most to the university; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholarship, Mr. Vaught has been very active in campus life at Vanderbilt; he counts among his best opportunities for personal growth his peer mentorships as a resident advisor and orientation leader and his student advocacy as vice president of the Vanderbilt Programming Board and speaker of the Senate in Vanderbilt Student Government; and

WHEREAS, he was also instrumental in establishing a sexual assault task force on the Vanderbilt campus; and

WHEREAS, after he finishes his tenure at Vanderbilt this spring as an International Baccalaureate graduate, Mr. Vaught plans to work for USB in New York City in a strategic planning, human resources role, an exciting position that will involve travel to Zurich and London; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Jackson is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his parents, Stan and Terri Vaught, and his brother, Chandler Vaught, with whom he designed the famous corn maze; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Jackson Vaught for his exemplary performance as a scholar, leader, mentor, and advocate at Vanderbilt; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jackson Vaught upon his selection as Vanderbilt University's Outstanding Senior and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.